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From the Pastor



I will be gone this next week to attend our priest convocation in Kansas City. All priests of the Diocese of Salina will be gone, so the closest priest for any sacramental emergencies is in Scott City. You might be wondering if a priest from the Diocese of Dodge City can perform sacraments in the Diocese of Salina, and the simple answer is when there is danger of death most rules go out the window. Please pray for our discussions this week, and please know of my prayers for you all as well.

3rd Precept of the Catholic Church: “Reception of the Eucharist during Eastertide: Part of our work on this third precept has already been done under the heading of the second. Clearly the command to receive the Eucharist but once a year is exceedingly minimal. If our opportunity to receive Our Lord’s body, blood, soul and divinity were really so restricted, we ought to bemoan Our Lord’s absence and seek Him in every other way possible. But for most of us, the opportunity is far more frequent, typically weekly or even daily. To generally spurn this opportunity tells us something very serious about ourselves. But we note here as well that the time of this annual solitary reception is specified to be during the Easter Season. This is so we can fully participate in the Paschal Mystery, the Church’s celebration of the passion, death and Resurrection, which is the focus and font of the entire cycle of our salvation as represented by the liturgical year. Surely by calling our attention to the Easter Season, the Church means to root our lives on this mystery, by which we are (quite literally) meant to be transformed forever. Again, the essence of the Christian life is not the external obedience to a rule. The rule is simply there to point to the deeper reality, and begin to habituate us to it. Ritual participation in the Paschal Mystery—which is renewed each Sunday and highlighted in a special way on each Holy Day—is something that we ought not to do as a requirement but as the glorious fulfillment of an ongoing interior work; and we should keep fulfilling ourselves in this way “until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph 4:13).” – Dr. Jeffrey Mirus

Imaculee Ilizibagia will be at St. Francis Cabrini in Hoxie on Saturday, November 19th. Registration is at 8:30 and the retreat is from 9am – 3:30pm, ending with mass. She is the author of many books, her first being “Left Behind” which tells her incredible story of her family’s executions in Rwanda, how she was hidden for months, and her path to forgiveness through the Rosary. Register online at www.immaculee.com. Scroll down to Retreats. Cost is \$76, but if you register with a friend, it’s only \$38 each. If you have any questions, please call Chris Niblock at 785-675-8703.

RCIA - If you or someone you know are or might be interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Luke or Deacon Dennis to begin the process.

St. Joseph News:

St. Joseph Bible Study: Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant on Tuesday mornings in the church basement following the 8:30 Communion Service.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: They often refer to it as the 5th Gospel. Walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land opens the eyes of the Christian to a new view of the life of Christ. Join Fr. Brian Lager and Fr. Scott Bailey (from Denver) on an 11 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. September 4-14, 2023. Please email Fr. Brian Lager: pastor@sacredheartcolby.com for more information. Spots are filling up fast!

Area News:

The Thomas County Life Chain will take place on October 2nd, 3-4:30 pm. come to Celebration Community Church (1923 S Range Ave, Colby) starting at 3pm to pick out signs and receive instructions. Participants will stand along South Range Avenue in Colby from 3:30-4:30 peacefully and prayerfully holding signs as a public witness on behalf of the unborn. All ages are welcome! Contact Melanie Newell with questions at 620-960-3875.

St. Paul News:

Please remember as we gear up for our capital campaign “Beauty Given, Beauty Experienced”, we need as many contacts and their information as possible as soon as possible. Please give all contact information to either Fr. Luke or Teresa Stephens via e-mail or letter. Thank you!

Our Tithes from Last Week:

Oakley: \$598.00 Angelus: \$4,159.00

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sat 17 – 5pm Mass - Parishioners
 Sun 18 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Wilfred & Donna Engel
 10:30am + Bill Goetz

Mon 19 – No Mass
 Tues 20 – 8:30am Communion Service
 Wed 21 – NO Mass (Angelus) Fr. Luke @ Convocation
 7pm CCD Classes & CYO/Jr. CYO

Thur 22 – 8:30am Communion Service
 Fri 23 – NO Mass Fr. Luke @ Convocation
 Sat 24 – 10am – Funeral Mass for Lil Ludwig
 5pm Mass – Parishioners
 Sun 25 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Father Roger K. Meitl
 10:30am + Jim Muehlenkamp

Confessions 30 minutes before Weekend Masses, by appointment, or if indicated on the schedule.

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Saturday, Sept 24 th 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Sept 25 th 10:30am	Servers	Danielle P, Peyton & Nolin K.
	Lectors	Tom Halbleib		Lectors	Kent Trompeter
	EMHC's	None needed		EMHC's	None needed
	Gifts	Bob & Sherri Kuhlman		Gifts	Kyle & Barb Hemmert
	Hospitality	Bob & Sherri Kuhlman		Hospitality	Bea Albers & Beverly Muehlenkamp

Sunday, Sept 25 th 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Nancy Schwarz & Barney Dickman
	EMHC's	Bob Schwarz
	Gifts/Hosp.	Eugene & Linda Schwarz
	Ushers	Joe Rehmer, Ron Rietcheck, Jay Rietcheck & Ray Schroeder